

DIG RIVERBED TRENCH: A Spidel Foundation and Marine company (Benton Harbor) crane sits in the middle of the St. Joseph river within a stone's throw of the Berrien Springs bridge, digging a trench in which to bury a Bell Telephone company cable. The river was lowered by first opening the Indiana and Michigan Electric company dam all Tuesday night to lower the lake level,

then closing all the dam's sluice gates Wednesday to halt the downstream flow of water. Officials said the gates could stay closed about eight hours, during which time the trench for the submarine cable had to be completed. The new cable will connect Berrien Springs to areas to the southeast.

AGNEW HEAPS PRAISE UPON WORKING MAN

'Forgotten American No More'

Spiro Speaks At 2 Places In Michigan

BY TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent
GRAND RAPIDS — "The forgotten American is forgotten no more," decreed Vice-President Spiro Agnew last night in a speech aimed at the blue-collar worker but delivered before persons attending a \$100-a-plate Republican party fund raising dinner.

Agnew, who was winding up a week-long series of speeches designed to bolster the campaigns of GOP hopefuls, told the 1,400 persons who attended that "For too long, this American has been forgotten — but on this election day the forgotten American won't forget."

BACKBONE OF AMERICA
"I speak of the backbone of America — the working man... he has to fight and scrimp to make ends meet; often, he moonlights at a second job, or his wife works to supplement the family income."

The vice-president called on the working man to look beyond a candidate as a member of a certain political party.

"When political pundits look at the working man, they say with their usual absolute certainty that the Republican appeal in on the social issues, while the Democratic appeal is on the economic issues. I submit that today's conventional wisdom will turn out to be tomorrow's mistake."

The vice president was interrupted 12 times by applause during his speech.

"I am convinced that the American man is the captive of no party. More and more, the American working man is turning away from the people who have sold out his interests; more and more he is turning to candidates who understand his need and respect his views," the vice president said.

Agnew aimed his speech at the working man earning between \$5,000 and \$15,000 a year, supporting his family with no handouts from Uncle Sam.

"The only time the Democratic leaders have been able to bring about full employment is during a war or during preparations for a war," Agnew charged.

"This administration, on the other hand, offers the American working man something new and different — prosperity in peacetime, and without a runaway inflation... the American people are ready to trade a

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AT KENT AIRPORT: Vice President Spiro Agnew addresses off-the-cuff remarks to hecklers among crowd that greeted him on arrival Wednesday at Kent county airport for speech last night in Grand Rapids. (Tom Renner photo)

Life Threatened

Hecklers Can't Silence Agnew

By TOM RENNER

South Haven Correspondent

GRAND RAPIDS—Police apprehended a 20-year-old ex-Marine who they said had threatened to assassinate Spiro Agnew just an hour before the vice-president arrived in Western Michigan.

Melvin Stusse of Grand Rapids was apprehended outside a downtown store within view of the Pantlind Hotel where Agnew stayed.

Police said the man was carrying a starter's pistol of the type used at track meets and a knife. They said they picked the suspect up on information from his family that he had threatened Agnew's life.

HELD FOR INVESTIGATION
The man was held for investigation of a city ordinance violation.

Four youths were arrested on charges of cursing police officers outside of the Civic Auditorium before Agnew spoke.

The vice-president appeared to be ready for the vocal dissent which was expressed as he started to address a crowd of approximately 800 persons at the Kent county airport.

"The American people have had a belly full of you," he retorted when greeted by a chorus of boos from a group believed to be area high school students.

"There is one thing that I think people would agree and that is that dissent is a device where people should be allowed to be heard," he continued.

After a three minute address the vice-president was whisked away to an awaiting motorcade. Aides had told newsmen before the vice-president's arrival

Blossomland bridge was up from 8 to 8:14 a.m. today causing a massive traffic jam on Main street in St. Joseph.

The bridge spanning the St. Joseph river was open again between 8:35 and 8:42 a.m. — a period of seven minutes but some motorists caught in the first jam were delayed by the second.

Autos were backed up three miles on Main street in St. Joseph by the opening of the bridge.

Bridge tenders were unable to explain why it took 14 minutes for the Huron Cement Co. ship the Lewis G. Harriman to reach the turning basin unless it was because it's one of the line's older boats and unable to pull away from the dock due to the stiff St. Joseph river current.

The boat unloaded 33,000 barrels of cement here.

TINY TIM—Sinbad's West, Sept. 28-30. Larry Ernst, Fri. Sat. (Adv.)

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Arab Vs. Arab

War Erupts Inside Jordan

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinian guerrillas battled troops of the new military regime in Jordan today in what the guerrillas called a final confrontation.

The guerrillas were apparently in control of key areas of Amman at the start of the fighting but broadcasts from both sides said the army troops were driving into the capital. The guerrillas called for help from 12,000 Iraqi troops stationed in Jordan since the 1967 Middle East war.

Field Marshal Habis Majali, leader of the new Jordanian government proclaimed Wednesday by King Hussein, called in an Amman radio broadcast for the guerrillas to surrender.

WAR OF BROTHERS

"We are marching on the principal quarters of Amman to establish control," the marshal said. "All armed men must surrender to army troops, who are their brothers, in order to avoid bloodshed and spare your

lives."

The guerrilla radio in the Iraq capital, Baghdad, said army tanks were "trying to break into Amman's city center."

The broadcast claimed the guerrillas had beaten back the armored advance, destroying three tanks and disabling two others with bazooka fire.

Another government broadcast claimed that guerrillas in Zarqa, 15 miles northeast of Amman, had surrendered. Zarqa is near the airstrip where guerrillas of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine blew up three hijacked airliners on Saturday after removing passengers and crews.

Majali declared a curfew in Amman and Zarqa, saying any-

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TREASURES: Bottles corcealed for many years beneath the water of St. Joseph river are examined by, left to right, James Cleaver, Bud Whelan, Spidel company project manager, Benton Harbor, and Bob DeVries. Cleaver and DeVries are engineers for Michigan Bell telephone company's Benton Harbor office. Similar treasures brought scores of bottle collectors to the exposed river bottom throughout the day Wednesday, workmen reported. (Staff photos by Dell Gaut)

Kansas Students Praised For Conduct

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15,000 Cheer President

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Scores of congratulatory messages on student conduct during President Nixon's speech at Kansas State University have been received by campus officials.

University President Dr. James A. McCain said the messages came from all over the country by telegraph and telephone after Nixon's address was broadcast and televised nationally Wednesday.

"Today our cup runneth over," McCain then quoted from some of the messages:

"I temporarily lost faith in

the youth of America, but after today my faith has been completely restored," said a woman from Tennessee.

"What a tremendous show of first-class Americanism," a man in Minnesota said.

"We're proud of K-State today," said a Deerfield, Ill., couple.

The presidential speech was delivered as the first of this year's series of Landon Lectures at the university.

Former Gov. Alf M. Landon, 83, the 1936 Republican presidential nominee for whom the lecture series is named, said:

"It was a marvelous speech, and the enthusiasm for it is an answer to the pessimistic comments of the prophets of doom in this country."

Landon said a small band of hecklers, a group estimated at from 30 to 50 students in the upper reaches of the Ahearn Field House balcony, didn't bother the chief executive a bit.

"There wasn't enough of them to match him," said Landon. "He (the President) told me he was delighted by the wonderful response of the students here."

Gov. Robert Docking, a Dem-

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HAPPY GATHERING: President and Mrs. Richard Nixon share laughter with Mrs. Alf Landon and Landon at Kansas State University where the President spoke Wednesday in a program that was part of the Alfred Landon Lecture series. (AP Wirephoto)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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County Government Seeks More Revenue

In 1933, by constitutional amendment and legislative action, Michigan substantially changed the method of financing its state and local governments, the latter in this context including school districts.

The legislature substituted the sales tax for the property tax as Lansing's main money source.

The constitutional amendment set a ceiling of 15 mills on the property tax for local government. The townships were given a maximum one-mill withdrawal from the total and a county tax allocation board was empowered to divide the other 14 mills between the school districts and the county system.

The chief exemptions from this limitation were home rule cities, and extra millage which the local units' residents might approve from time to time.

A few years later, when the 1930s depression began to lift and it became apparent that local assessments were too finely pencilled for revenue requirements, the legislature created a back door escape hatch called equalized valuation. Its purpose is to kite local assessments up to a point where the 15-mill levy will produce the financial needs of the local units.

Dividing the 15-mill pie was a comparatively harmonious operation until the mid-1940s.

The Depression exerted great pressure upon local government to be frugal and World War II's ceiling on prices, wages and materials priorities confined spending proclivities.

The war's conclusion liquidated those prior bonds and local government spending began to accelerate noticeably.

The public schools led off that parade, but today they and the civilian governments are running an equal race.

Splitting the 15-mill pie may not be the shouting match characterizing the writing of a labor contract, but asserting priorities on the tax dollar is put in strong terms.

The 1963 Michigan constitution provides the means for loosening the 15-mill corset by a few notches.

By a countywide vote, it is possible to expand the limitation up to 18 mills for as much as five years at a single stretch and to specify the division of that larger pie. The latter eliminates the annual arbitration taking before the county allocation board.

This week the Berrien county commissioners voted to submit this idea to the public at the

November 4th election.

At the present time the 15-mill pie in Berrien is divided in this manner: county government, 5.125; townships, 1; the Berrien intermediate school district, 0.179; the school districts, 8.696.

The commissioners urge larding the pie to 16 mills and splitting it in this design: county, 5.85; townships, 1.25; Berrien intermediate, 0.20; school districts, 8.70.

Though the lion's share of the extra mill would go to the civilian units, presumably the school administrators have agreed with the commissioners on the arithmetic.

It introduces a certainty into school budgeting which has been missing for several years under the current allocation quibbling. The allocation board has been cutting back on the school's share of the 15-mill pie.

Knowing in advance what a fixed millage will deliver puts school chieftains in a better position than they are now.

This is not the best time to advocate raising taxes, but the county government is experiencing increasing difficulty to make ends meet. The same holds for those townships changing or already converted from farming areas to suburbias.

Another difficulty for the county government is that unlike the cities, the townships and the school districts, it does not share in the sales tax.

Though welfare is virtually a state-federal underwriting and there is a gas tax diversion for roads, the county has to carry the load pretty much on its own, or, more accurately, by local taxation.

While pegging to a fixed tax percentage for five years is betting against unforeseen developments, the commission's finance committee presumably has explored such possibilities and feels the risk is minimal.

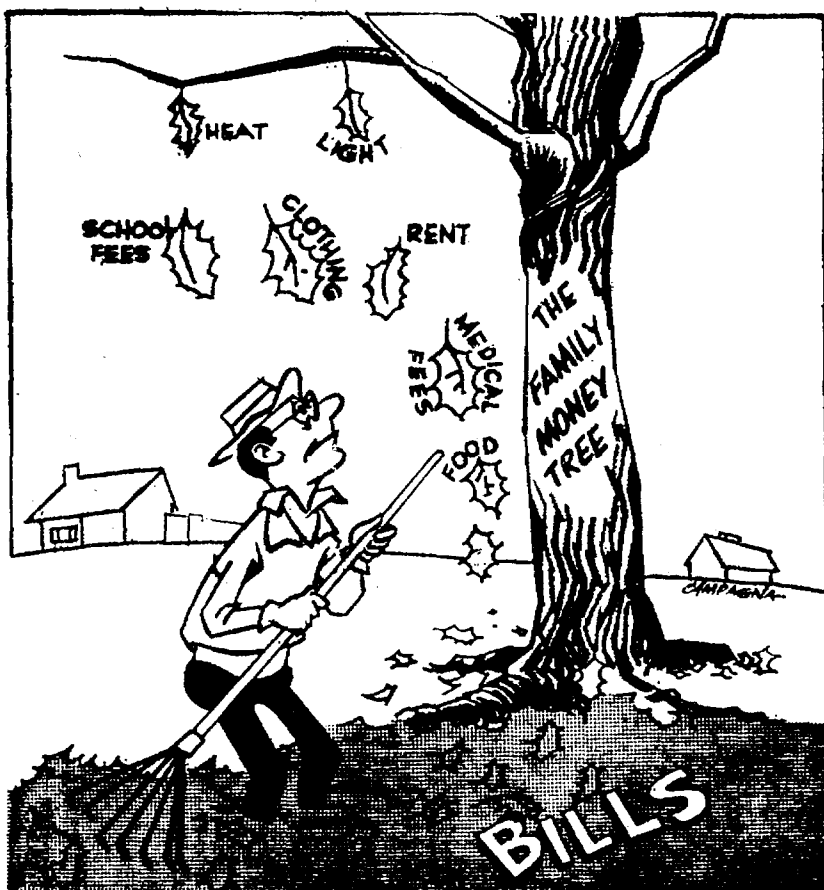
It should be remembered also that the 15 to the 16-mill jump may not apply in all areas.

Some townships still free from the demands which dense residential sectors always raise do not yet assess the full one mill to which they are constitutionally entitled to draw, and likely would not pad their rolls to the 1.25 limit simply for the sake of so doing.

County government has held a back seat in the public's mind for generations, but more and more responsibility is being placed upon it today.

The allocation formula is the tool to meet that demand.

Autumn Leaves



GLANCING BACKWARDS

I&M NAMES SUPERVISOR

The appointment of Bert A. Svensson of operations supervisor of the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant now under construction by Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. near Bridgman was announced today.

Robert M. Kooper, I&M's executive vice president in Fort Wayne, Ind., said Svensson would assume his new assignment immediately.

HEATH PLANS TO ADD SPACE

Daystrom, Inc. this week filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for authority to sell \$10 million of 20-year debentures (notes) to re-set its working cash position and to finance new plant and equipment.

Included in the plant expansion schedule is new warehouse space at the Heath company's Hilltop road plant.

SMASH ARMADA ABOVE THAMES

British fighter pilots and ground gunners met Germany's aerial armada today in a great battle east of London and were reported to have turned back the full power of one of the greatest assaults thus far, pointed at this heart of the British empire.

The battle came as London's inhabitants underwent their seventh daylight air-raid alarm and capped a "night of hell" marking the longest raid of the war — nine hours and 54 minutes of terror from the skies.

WORK STOPPED

Construction work on the east end of the new 390-foot bridge over the St. Joseph river at Bertrand was temporarily

abandoned when quicksand in the river bottom caused a shift in operations. Workmen encountered the quicksand when sinking a cofferdam on the east side of the river.

PESTS HERE

The Hessian fly, deadliest of wheat pests, is rampant in Berrien county. Tests made by

the county agricultural agent show 100 percent infestation.

WOMAN LIES

Miss Emma Collins will leave Thursday night for Kenosha, Wis., where she will take charge of the city office of the Western Union telegraph company. She has a fine position and fully deserves it.

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — President Nixon is racking up more than record-breaking mileage for a U.S. Chief Executive in his travels across the country.

The administration is taking full advantage of the President's visits to other parts of the country to inform or sell his programs to key decision makers outside the so-called Eastern Establishment.

On his recent trip to New Orleans, for example, a top-level foreign policy briefing was held for news executives from throughout the South.

The President himself participated in the briefing, as did his chief foreign policy aide, Henry Kissinger, and Middle East negotiator Joseph Sisco.

A couple of weeks later similar briefings were held for Western editors at the San Clements presidential retreat. Another such briefing is planned for Midwestern editors in Chicago.

Members of the White House press corps are none too pleased over this system of briefings, but administration officials are elated over the initial success of the effort.

The strategy was devised by

Herb Klein, the one-time San Diego newspaper editor who now serves as the President's director of communications.

While visiting in the West, the President made a trip to Mexico to meet with President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz. This was another journey with political fringe benefits.

There are some 10 million Latin-American citizens in this country and the bulk of their numbers live in states that have senatorial elections this fall, and the results of these campaigns are very important to the Republican administration.

In California the GOP is trying to save Sen. George Murphy, who at 68 is involved in a close race to retain the seat he won in 1964. He is being challenged by youthful Rep. John Tunney, a Democrat.

In Texas Republican Rep. George Bush is depending on a good share of the Mexican-American vote to win a Democratic-held Senate seat. Bush is given a good shot at success by GOP campaign chiefs here. The Nixon visit will not hurt GOP prospects in Arizona, where Sen. Paul Fannin, a Republican, is the clear favorite, nor in New Mexico, where Republican Anderson Carter faces an uphill battle in his race against incumbent Sen. Joseph Montoya, a First-term Democrat.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

You frequently write in your columns that the mind plays a role in all physical disease. Do you believe this is true in the following case. We live in a dust storm area and whenever one approaches, both my daughter and my wife really become emotionally upset and develop severe migraine headaches.

Mr. E.E.V., Texas.
Dear Mr. V.: It is generally admitted that in the modern practice of Dr. Coleman medicine, the mind and the body are considered as one, in the formation of disease and in its control. In health, too, this unity is undeniable.

There may be variations in the degree to which the mind affects health and illness but some such factor always exists. The fact that your wife and daughter both react to a dust storm may be coincidental or may actually be a similar emotional response to a change in weather.

Americans are loathe to accept an idea that foreigners respect. They have observed that during storms like the mistral or the sirocco, many people tend to become severely depressed and despondent. Many countries of the world have their own storms and their own reactions to them.

It is well known that changes in climate, temperature, altitude and humidity can do

affect bodily changes. With this in mind, may I suggest that the migraine headaches be studied from the point of view of the sinuses and rule out a possible allergic reaction before your wife and daughter are accused of having a purely psychological condition.

Too often, people are "accused" of having a psychological disturbance without first ruling out all physical reasons for a complaint.

In another letter from a reader in Illinois, the question is asked why a co-worker constantly has accidents while working on a drill press while none of the others, who are less experienced, has a similar problem.

It has been observed by physicians and psychiatrists that there are accident prone people who go through their lives with a greater number of injuries.

A well known female psychoanalyst recently said that she had observed that whenever she became angry, she burns herself while performing simple household chores. Anxious, tense, and emotionally friable people have been studied for years in relationship to injuries in industry. So important is the present knowledge of industrial accidents that people chosen to operate dangerous machines are carefully scrutinized and psychologically tested to be sure they have sufficient stability for these jobs.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: When the diabetic and pre-diabetic is flushed out of hiding, added years of health will accrue.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

That dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

MONTH
♠ 9874
♥ 865
♦ J3062
♣ A10

WEST
♠ KJ52
♥ AKQ
♦ J9743
♣

EAST
♠ Q62
♥ AQ74
♦ 73
♣ 8562

THE MIDDY:
♠ AKJ303
♥ 309
♦ 9254
♣ K6

Opening lead — King of diamonds.

This hand occurred in a pair championship. It illustrates a principle of play that is important to both the duplicate and rubber bridge player.

South bid four spades, not because he expected to make it but because he thought it highly likely that East would make four hearts. He was willing to go down two — 500 points — to stop the opponents from scoring 620.

West cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds and shifted to a low heart. East won and returned a heart. West taking his jack and

continuing with the king.

Declared ruffed, cashed the spade ace, led a club to the ace and returned a spade. East following low. The problem now was whether to finesse or play the king.

This was an important decision, for if South guessed wrong he would go down 800 instead of 500 and the attempted sacrifice would be a catastrophe.

Ordinarily, declarer plays for the drop with nine of a suit. However, the mathematical advantage is very slight and declarer should feel free to finesse whenever that appears to be the better play.

In this case, South finessed — and for a very excellent reason. He realized that even if he played the king and nailed the queen he would score a Pyrrhic victory. He would go down only two — 500 points — but he would be bound to get a bad result.

If West had the queen, it would mean that East-West could not have made four hearts (losing two spades and two clubs) and that the sacrifice was a dead losing proposition.

South was therefore forced to credit East with the Q-x of spades. Accordingly, he finessed — and he was suitably rewarded when the jack won and he was able to hold the loss to 500 points.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

"Okay, now," snapped the businesslike doctor. "Open your mouth and say 'A-a-ah.'"

"I don't need an examination," countered the patient. "I just want to pay you the bill I've owed you for six months."

So it was the DOCTOR who said "A-a-ah."

A former big league pitcher named Thurston drifted down to the minors in a twilight of his career, and wound up with a team that finished dead last in its league. Nevertheless, Thurston won twenty games for his forlorn teammates, and was duly incensed when he wasn't offered a raise for the following season. "You forgot I won twenty games with that bunch of bums behind me — even though they finished last," he pointed out to the owner. "So what?" countered the owner. "They could have finished last WITHOUT you, too!"

An Australian punster comes up with the story that the city of Perth disappeared completely. Fortunately, however, the Perth snatcher was apprehended living it up in Melbourne.

Historical tidbit: King Louis XVI of France kept a diary. His complete entry for July 14, 1789, the day the Bastille fell, was "Nothing much happened today."



WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

William Shakespeare wrote exclusively for the Blackfriars Theatre and the Globe in London.

A narghileh is an oriental pipe for smoking tobacco. The smoke passes through water in the pipe.

Constantine I, the Great, was the first Christian emperor of Rome.

Asia is the largest continent.

Unwanted Space Returns

Chroniclers at the North American Air Defense Command's Space Defense Center at Colorado Springs have recorded more than 4,600 objects which have been launched into space since Sputnik I opened the space age.

Of these, about 2,600 pieces, some weighing tons, have returned to earth, many of them disappearing into nothingness as they are consumed in the earth's atmosphere. But a surprising number of pieces are surviving environmental friction to land back on the planet.

To date, the only known casualty from these falling hunks of metal has been a cow killed in

Cuba. But there is increasing concern that, as space science perfects new metals which are capable of withstanding the tremendous heat generated on re-entry, the debris returning intact will continue to increase, and along with it, the dangers to people below.

A few weeks ago, hundreds of pounds of metal fell into three states. These were believed to be remnants of a Soviet space ship launched in 1969. In an earlier incident, a Japanese ship was struck by pieces from another Soviet satellite.

Other debris has been found in such diverse places as Australia, Mexico and South Africa. As this record after only a decade of space exploration clearly indicates, space scientists in the near future will face the problem of either retrieving or destroying the myriad objects they are continually throwing into space.

Vast as it is, they have still not succeeded in repealing earth's gravitational pull.

Women of Ethiopia's Danakil tribe braid their hair in tight plaits to attract suitors, the National Geographic Society says. The men wear their hair in tiny ringlets.

A gallon of nectar can provide enough energy for a bee to cruise four million miles at seven m.p.h., National Geographic says.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What is a chameleon?
2. What is a trencherman?
3. What is an Ottoman?
4. What is a Bushman?
5. What is a Bedesman?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1796 President George Washington gave his Farewell Address.

YOUR FUTURE

The course of your life will run smoothly on to its appointed end. Today's child will be of a very precise character.

BORN TODAY

In the age that emphasizes security and creative comforts, Sir Francis Chichester is a throwback to the days of searowing adventures and those who dedicate themselves to a single-handed struggle against the forces of nature.

He ended a nine-month, solo voyage around the world aboard his yacht "Gypsy Moth" on May 28, 1967, at the age when most men are retired or getting ready to. He was 65. A pioneer aviator in his younger years, he did not take up sailing until he had reached his fifties.

He is also a publisher of maps and guides, as well as a prolific

author whose writings, based on his experiences, have contributed to the science of navigation. For these achievements he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1967.

He was born in North Devon, England, in 1901, the son of a West Country clergyman. To the dismay of his father, who had wanted him to study at Oxford or Cambridge and then enter the Indian Civil Service, Chichester decided at 17 to drop out of Marlborough College.

Traveling to New Zealand, he worked as a coal miner, lumberjack, sheep station hand and door to door salesman of underwear and magazine subscriptions. He also tried his hand as a gold prospector and pro boxer and he made an unsuccessful attempt to be a writer.

He went into a profitable timber operation with a partner in New Zealand.

In England Chichester took up flying and obtained his license. He made the first long distance flight by seaplane across the Tasman Sea in 1930.

Others born today include Baron Von Steuben, Anne Bancroft and Thomas Stafford.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Song leader on sailing ships.
2. A good eater.
3. A type of sofa. It's also a Turkish dynasty.
4. An Australian aborigine.
5. An elderly pensioner.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press.

THE COVERED BRIDGE

Another world when pace was slow.
Sun up, sun down, that was the time;
They build you up, the best they know,
You covered bridge, so strong and fine.

The clip clop of the horses' hooves,
And the rumble of the wagon wheels;
A place to talk about some nows.
A friendly "hello" past days much warmer feels.

Flowers around too, are everywhere,
A sycamore tree, gives you the shading;
The smell of hay is in the air,
A wonderful picture, so inviting.

You covered bridge you're almost gone,
We look at you and speak with pride;
You did your job, it is well done,
You always will be a beautiful sight.

ULRICH ROSENHAGEN,
Lakeview Terrace,
St. Joseph.

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BLACK LEADERS PLAN REGISTRATION DRIVE



PUSH VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE: Some 100 persons gathered at Blossom Acres community center, Benton township, to rally for massive voter registration drive. At lectern is Joshua Bishop, chairman of Urbanale block club. Seated at table are, from left: Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis, of 1189 North Euclid avenue, who is actively interested in drive; Calvin Wheeler, former com-

munity education coordinator, who is coordinating drive efforts; Jeanette Merriweather, chairman of Ladies on Voter Education (LOVE); Michael Shane, spokesman for LOVE; Cheryl Henry, LOVE secretary; and Charles James, president, Black Student Federation.

Pin Hopes On Use Of Volunteers

BH, Benton Twp. Voters Will Be Campaign Target

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Black leaders in Benton Harbor and Benton township planned a massive voter registration drive last night and pinned hopes of success on hundreds of volunteers.

Plans were unveiled during a rally, attended by some 100 persons, nearly all black, at Blossom Acres community center in Benton township.

Details of the drive are to be formed during a series of Monday night meetings, beginning at 7:30 p.m. next Monday, at Seely McCord school in Benton Harbor.

Expressed goals are to register citizens who are not politically motivated, elderly persons and others who cannot easily get out of their homes. The focal point is on black citizens. Spokesmen estimated last night that about 4,000 blacks in Benton Harbor and another 4,500 in Benton township are unregistered.

DEADLINE OCT. 2
Deadline to register for the general election in November, is Oct. 2.

Presiding at the meeting was Calvin Wheeler, formerly with the Benton Harbor community education program, who soon will begin studies on a doctoral degree at Michigan State university.

The session assumed the character of a pep rally, spearheaded by representatives of the Black Student Federation and Ladies on Voter Education (LOVE), at Lake Michigan College.

Wheeler said last night Benton Harbor will be sectioned into blocks with, hopefully, hundreds of volunteers knocking on doors and asking citizens to register with a deputy registrar in a nearby van truck.

This plan of attack crystallized in Benton Harbor last Monday. In the township, it's another story.

AGREES TO PLAN
Benton Harbor City Clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke, after a stormy city commission meeting Monday, agreed to train and deputize 12 young persons. They will be selected with her approval and work as volunteers, without pay from the city.

Benton township Clerk Ralph Dahn Tuesday night refused to appoint deputies under a similar plan. Dahn, during an equally stormy session of the township board, said his staff could handle the job.

Requests for the deputies were made by the black federation and LOVE organizations, as a joint civic project.

One township trustee, Ellis Hull, a black, attended last night's rally and agreed to meet with the student leaders immediately. Hull said, however, that he could give no assurances, because the decision of whether to deputize voter registrars is the clerk's, only.

A hat was passed last night to collect money needed by project leaders, and citizens were asked to call attention to the Monday night strategy sessions each Sunday in their respective churches.

KEY PERSONS
Key persons involved include Jeanette Merriweather, chairman of LOVE; Charles James, (See page 15, column 6)



THAR HONORED: James Thar of Keeler (left) inventor of the sled-box asparagus harvester was honored yesterday at a noon luncheon of the Michigan Agricultural commission at the Holiday Inn, Benton Harbor. Here he receives a plaque "in recognition for his accomplishments to the Michigan asparagus industry" from Tom Dewhurst of Benton Harbor, chairman of the state agricultural commission. Earlier in the year Thar was named winner of the Michigan Agricultural Development of the Year award for his low cost harvester. (Staff photo)

Church Council Now Taking Applications On Rental Units

With construction of the first town houses well underway, applications are being taken for occupancy of Berrien Homes, a \$2,651,000 subdivision spearheaded by the Berrien County Council of Churches.

Two of 27 buildings have been erected and interior finishing

work is being done at the 21-acre site on South Crystal avenue, Benton township. **TAKING APPLICATIONS**
A.T. Woodley, area manager for the American Baptist Management Corp., a nonprofit organization headquartered in New York City, is accepting

rental applications from his office in Benton township hall, 1725 Territorial road.

American Baptist Management is under contract to manage Berrien Homes. Developer of the project is Homes for Berrien County Families, a nonprofit corporation created by Berrien County Council of Churches.

Woodley can't say for certain when the first of 160 living units in the 27-building complex will be ready for occupancy, but he hopes it can be by Christmas.

Berrien Homes is planned for low to middle income families. Financing is through the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

Occupancy at the start will be strictly on a rental basis. The Rev. Edward Goodman, executive director of Berrien County

Council churches, said possibilities are being studied to turn it into a condominium where tenants could acquire ownership of units. He added this was probably a year away.

Woodley said an income scale with adjustments is used in determining occupants. "Race, color or creed has no bearing," he said.

The scale ranges from an adjusted low income of \$3,240 for one person to \$7,020 for a family of eight persons. Woodley said adjustments are made by starting with gross income and subtracting a flat 5 percent, plus \$300 for each child. Excluded from gross income are second part-time jobs.

Woodley, 50, will remain here until occupancy begins and a permanent resident manager can be trained and put on the job. He then will be moved to a new area for a similar project.

A native of New York City, Woodley is new to American Baptist. He joined the organization last December because of what he termed more satisfaction in helping and working with people.

In New York, Woodley also dealt with people, but on a profit basis, working as manager with a staff of 50 on the well-known Delano project in Harlem.

Woodley said this included tearing down four blocks of six-story tenements, building 17-story apartments and relocating nearly 1,200 families in the process. This was on the site of the famed Savoy ballroom, torn down about 1955.

Joining American Baptist, Woodley first was assigned to the Evergreen Manor project in Altoona, Pa. This is similar to the subdivision in Benton township. Where Woodley will go next, he doesn't know now.

WORK CONTINUING
Today, Berrien Homes bears

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REV. ELLIS HULL
Says It's Up To Clerk



CHARLIE JAMES
Student Leader

Danger Signals

Businessmen Will Discuss Legislation

Pending legislation considered dangerous to business will be the focal point of discussion at a morning program Monday, sponsored by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce.

The program will begin at 8 a.m. at the Chamber office, 777 Riverview drive, Benton Harbor. It will conclude at 9 a.m.

Key points of discussion will

be consumerism, industrial safety proposals and welfare.

David Upton of St. Joseph, President of Benton Harbor Abstract and Title Co. and former state representative, will moderate the discussion.

DANGER SIGNALS
A chamber bulletin commented on the topic:

"Federal legislation is currently being considered which could paralyze the business system. Your committee feels it most important you (chamber members) become acquainted with the broad legislation being considered in the field of consumerism, industrial safety, welfare and other key issues before the Senate and House committees. Only your reaction to these proposals can be directed to legislators."

"This meeting will be for chamber members only in order that we may have a frank discussion on these matters. It is hoped that these monthly meetings will provide you the necessary incentive to take the steps to help create and promote legislation which is best for all concerned."

Coffee and rolls will be available.

Prong: I Was Acting As Citizen

Edwin Prong said today that he is backing voter registration of blacks "only as a citizen interested in seeing Benton Harbor survive with racial harmony."

Prong said inferences in this newspaper Tuesday and Wednesday that he is motivated by partisan politics for black registration are "absolutely false."

He said he appeared at the Benton Harbor city commission meeting Monday in behalf of black registration as a citizen, a member of the West Central Neighborhood Organization and a teacher interested in students. "Sure, I am a Democrat. I hope I would feel the same if I were a Republican."

Prong, a Lake Michigan college teacher, currently is public relations director for the campaign of Miss Margaret Chisholm, Democratic candidate for 44th District state legislator.

Republicans In Royaltown To Hear Mittan

State Rep. Ray C. Mittan, R-Benton Harbor, is scheduled to speak Monday to the Royaltown township Republican club at its first meeting of the fall season. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Royaltown township hall.

BENTON TWP.

BH Woman Shot Outside Of Tavern

Benton township police Det. Charles Brooks said a woman was shot in the thigh while standing outside the East End tavern, 995 East Main street, early today. Origin of the gunshot was unknown.

Janet S. Smith, 20, of 138 North Seeley street, Benton Harbor, said she was standing on the sidewalk with a male companion when the shooting occurred. She was admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital, and was listed in good condition today.

The shooting was reported to Benton Harbor police, who called township police, since the incident occurred in the township. No trace was found of the assailant.



A.T. WOODLEY
Manager On Job



CONSTRUCTION SCENE: First of 27 town houses in Berrien Homes subdivision, South Crystal avenue in Benton township, are erected, while some sidewalks are poured. First streets have been through and will be paved later. Berrien Homes is \$2,651,000 subdivision of 27 town house buildings that will have 160 living

units. Berrien County Council of Churches is sponsor of project for low and middle income families. Information and applications may be secured now from A. T. Woodley at Benton township hall. Woodley is area manager, American Baptist Management Corp. (Staff photo)

Growers Critical Of Ban On DDT

Agriculture Commission Listens To 'Beefs'

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Stringent DDT restrictions, inaccurate crop estimates and deviations in grading of raw products at processing plants were main beefs registered yesterday noon by area growers in attendance at the luncheon of the Michigan Agricultural commission at Holiday Inn, Benton Harbor.

Everett Wiles, Bangor fruit grower, expressed to the commission area growers' concern over the three matters. Concerning DDT restrictions, Wiles said, "Substitutes for DDT on certain insects are simply not doing the job, a situation which has become quite apparent to area growers this year."

"It is the opinion among many area growers that legislators and state officials jumped the gun on this matter and that changes must be made giving growers the right to use DDT for control of specific insects, which otherwise cannot be controlled," he said.

B. Dale Ball, director of Michigan Department of Agriculture said the state still has the authority to register DDT for certain grower needs if justified. He suggested that growers contact their extension specialists and Michigan State university in an effort to get some of the restrictions on DDT removed for certain insects, such as climbing cutworms.

Concerning estimates by the USDA Crop Reporting Service, Wiles said, "There's a lot of talk going around among growers as to the benefits, if any, of crop estimates." He cited in particular the effects of this year's inaccurate tart

cherry estimate. "It cost us (growers) each two cents a pound for the estimate and as far as I'm concerned this was money thrown away. If it can't be done right, why do it at all?" Wiles asked.

CROP ESTIMATES
Pre-season estimates play an important role in determining processor prices to growers. The USDA tart cherry estimate for Michigan this year was nearly 50 million pounds heavy.

Earl Steimle of St. Joseph suggested the state organize some way of doing weekly or bi-weekly "estimate supplements" to the USDA's. In this way corrections could be made before it's too late. Steimle said he had contacted the USDA through R. E. "Rink" Keller, head of Federal-State Market News Service office in Benton Harbor, and was informed that this would be an impossible task for the USDA.

"A more accurate system for estimating crops is going to have to be found, especially on tart cherries, or estimates might as well be done away with," Wiles said.

On variances in grading systems at processing plants across the state, Wiles said he had learned that "juice cherries coming in up North had been graded out at 94 per cent" but fine quality cherries in this area (southwest) rarely received top grade.

GRADING VARIANCES
"Southwestern Michigan tart cherry growers paid through the nose on this matter," Wiles said. "What happened to inspections this season was as bad as the inaccurate estimate."

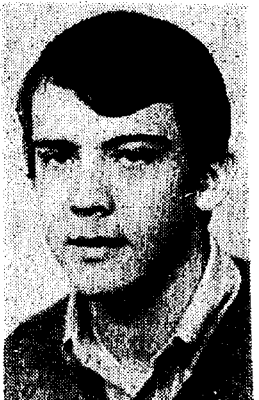
Wiles told the commission that he was shown how a degree change in the sugar content of tart cherries could be accomplished by simply holding the measurement gauge a certain way. "This could mean a difference of \$10 per degree of brix," he said.

Ball said he had not heard of these deviations in the grading systems, which are supposed to be uniform across the state, but told growers it certainly would be checked into.

The commission during its regular morning and afternoon business sessions spent most of the day dealing with routine matters concerning the State fair.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1970

AREA HAS 22 IN TOP 1% OF U.S. STUDENTS

LYNN MILLER
St. JosephTIMOTHY WINTER
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Top 1% Of
U.S. SeniorsTests Qualify
Students For
Scholarships

Twenty-two high school seniors from southwestern Michigan have been named semifinalists in the 1970-71 National Merit Scholarship competition.

They are among 14,750 high school seniors in the nation who will compete for about 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

The semifinalists were the highest scorers in their states on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST), which was given last February to some 710,000 students in 17,000 schools nationwide. The semifinalists constitute less than one per cent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the United States.

Edward C. Smith, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), said, "The semifinalists show high promise for leadership in their adult careers. They have already demonstrated both high intellectual capacity and a readiness to develop their abilities."

Semifinalists must advance to finalists standing to be considered for the Merit scholarships to be awarded next spring. They become finalists by receiving the endorsement of their schools, substantiating their high NMQST performance on a second examination, and providing information about their achievements and interests.

Seven of the 22 semifinalists from Southwestern Michigan attend St. Joseph public high school. Five attend Niles public high. Three are students at South Haven's L. C. Mohr public high school. Dowagiac public high has two semifinalists.

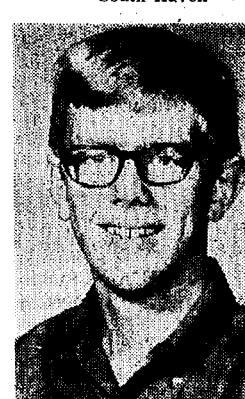
Area schools with one semifinalist each are: Andrews University Academy, Berrien Springs; Brandywine public high; Niles; Fennville public high; Paw Paw public high; and Lakeshore public high school, Stevensville.

The individual area semifinalists are:

LYNN MILLER, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O. Miller of 2609 Lake View avenue, St. Joseph. She is a senior at St. Joseph high school where she is a member of the choir, math and Spanish clubs. She is undecided as to which college she will attend.

Timothy Winter, 17, is a senior at St. Joseph high school where he is active in choir, Theatrics and student council. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winter of 308 Winwood avenue, St. Joseph. He plans to attend Concordia college in Ann Arbor, where he will major in science and language.

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St. JosephWILLIAM STEINKE
LakeshoreCANDICE SHADDUCK
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South HavenROSE REDIES
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BrandywineTIMOTHY MCDANIEL
Paw PawSeek Higher Pay
Probation Officer
Pact Seen Soon

A spokesman for Berrien county commissioners to reach agreement within three weeks on more pay.

Rock Hit
Fire Truck

Benton Harbor police arrested three boys, ages 11 to 13, yesterday for throwing rocks at a Benton Harbor fire truck as it went on call to 390½ Brunson street. The trio was petitioned to Berrien juvenile court and released.

Firemen said they were called to the home of Annie Fuller to eject smoke from the house. A pan of food had been left on the stove, causing the smoke, firemen said.

Benton Harbor police also petitioned four other juveniles yesterday for possession of stolen property. The arrests evolved from two separate reports of stolen bicycles.

and Berrien county commissioners to reach agreement within three weeks on more pay.

Thomas Carnegie, 25, a probation officer the past two years, said a Tuesday night meeting with county commissioners settled nothing but that "it looks like settlement will be reached fairly soon... no longer than three weeks."

Juvenile officers have been meeting with commissioners the past four months in an attempt to upgrade their entire pay schedule effective Jan. 1, 1971.

Meanwhile, a June 15 request to have Fraternal Order of Police, Blossomland lodge 109, represent juvenile officers in bargaining has been held in abeyance, Carnegie added.

"Unless it's absolutely necessary we will not seek any outside help," he added.

The current pay schedule starts officers at \$7,066, peaks at \$8,595 after 14 years requires them to have two years of college to start and work toward a degree. Carnegie declined to name the pay schedule officers seek.

derbilt university to major in pre-medicine. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Chickering of 2016 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph. She is a senior at St. Joseph high school, where she is editor-in-chief of the school yearbook, and is a member of the student council, National Honor society, math club and Theatrics troupes.

Steve Coon, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvard J. Coon of 518 Donna drive, St. Joseph. A senior at St. Joseph high school, he has played varsity football for two years. He plans to attend Milligan college in Tennessee. He plans to be a high school history teacher.

David Leland, 17, is a senior at St. Joseph high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leland of 3120 Ridgeview drive, St. Joseph. He is a member of the varsity track and cross country team, the Varsity club and is an Explorer scout. He plans to attend Michigan State university or the University of Michigan to study mathematics and computer science.

John M. Stafford, 17, plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Michigan or the University of Washington. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Stafford of 1792 Nash drive, St. Joseph and a senior at St. Joseph high school. He is president of the band and is a member of the cross country and track teams and of the math club.

Richard M. Polishuk, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Polishuk of 2700 Thayer drive, St. Joseph. A senior at St. Joseph high school, he has been a member of both the band and

orchestra and the math and German clubs. He plans to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State university.

William E. Steinke, 17, is a senior at Lakeshore high school, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, is president of the Key club, and has participated in senior high band and varsity football. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Steinke, 250 East John Beers road, St. Joseph. He plans to study engineering following high school graduation.

Candice Lynn Shadduck, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian Shadduck, 740 Sycamore drive, Berrien Springs. She attended the Andrews university Academy in Berrien Springs during her junior year and is attending the Cedar Lake Academy in Berrien Springs during her junior year and is attending the Cedar Lake Academy at Cedar Lake for her senior year. She plans to attend Andrews university at Berrien Springs to study nursing.

Cynthia Goerg, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goerg, 1098 Hazel street, South Haven. She is a senior at L. C. Mohr high school in South Haven and plans to study math or science in college.

Rose Redies, 17, is also a senior at L. C. Mohr high school in South Haven. She is a member of the Girls Athletic club, annual staff, usher club, and is active in student government. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernard Redies, Sr., route 1, South Haven. She plans to attend

Western Michigan university to major in math or science.

Mary Sobkowski, 17, plans to study literature, science and arts at the University of Michigan. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sobkowski, 1023 Phoenix street, South Haven, she is a senior at L. C. Mohr high school. She has been active in school government, band, orchestra, pep club, girls athletic club and junior play crew. She is also a class officer.

Mark Logsdon is a senior at Fennville high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Logsdon of route 3, Fennville. He is a member of the student council and of the National Honor society. He was a 1970 representative to Boys State. His future plans are not yet definite, but he has indicated he plans to major in some field of science.

Christine M. Daugherty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daugherty, route 6, Box 398B, Dowagiac. A senior at Dowagiac Union high school, she has been active in debate and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Michigan or the University of Chicago to study art or languages.

Philip J. Smith is also a senior at Dowagiac Union high school, where he is on the debate team and a member of the National Honor Society and concert choir. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Smith, route 6, Box 39B, Dowagiac. He plans to attend the University of Michigan, but has not decided on his major field of study.

Mark Hanson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark O. Hanson, 2274 Yankee street, Niles. He spent the summer participating in a mathematics program sponsored by the National Science Foundation at the Illinois Institute of Technology. His specific future plans are undecided, but he plans to study in the field of sciences or mathematics. He is a senior at Niles high school, where he has participated in school plays.

David E. Manigold is a senior at Niles high school, where he has participated on the varsity golf team, is a member of the French club and of the yearbook staff. He is also a member of the Niles Bums, a local sports organization. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Eugene Manigold, 915 South 9th street, Niles. He plans to major in math at the University of Michigan and pursue a career

in accounting or banking.

Wendy Waterhouse plans to pursue a career in art following graduation from college. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Waterhouse, 1649 Broadway, Niles, and a senior at Niles high school.

Mary-Helene Brown, 16, is the second member of her family to receive recognition in the NMSC program. Her older brother, Wilfred (Bill) Brown was a finalist in the NMSC program last year. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, 1720 Killarney lane, Niles. She plans to study pre-medicine at Michigan State university and plans a career as a general practice doctor. She is a senior at Niles high school where she is a member of the concert and marching bands.

Theodore J. Boswell, 17, is a senior at Niles high school. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Boswell, 625 Topinabee road, Niles. He has participated in student government, music, drama, literary magazine, and sports in high school. He plans to major in the liberal arts field in college.

Steven T. Sarratore, 17, plans to attend Northwestern university and major in theatre. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sarratore, 1623 Pinehurst, Niles. He is a senior at Brandywine high school, where he is president of the National Honor Society and is active in the American Field Service and the Theatrics Society. He spent the summer as a resident actor with Gateway Players in New Buffalo.

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Students
To Fairplain

Overcrowding at Columbus school, Benton Harbor, will be reduced by transfer of some students to Fairplain West school. West Principal Victor Shug said the transfers will mean a change in attendance hours for all children at West.

Effective Friday, school hours will be 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. with three 30-minute lunch periods on the following schedule: 11:30-12, grades 3 and 4; 12:12-30, grades 1 and 2; 12:30-1, grades 5 and 6. Students can bring their lunch and milk will be available.

Lunch periods formerly were 45 minutes and students could not eat at school.

Afternoon kindergarten will meet from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Overcrowding at Columbus was described at the board of education meeting Monday. Assistant Superintendent Robert Payne said all grades had averages of more than 30.

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SMU Dedication
Ferris President
Will Be Speaker

DOWAGIAC — Dr. Victor F. Spatheff, president of Ferris State college, will speak at Southwest Michigan College's dedication of the Charles O. Zollar building and a 10 classroom, multi-purpose building Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Spatheff has been engaged in college and university administrative duties for 25 years and was appointed president of Ferris in 1952. He has held leadership positions in state and national educational organizations.

He attended the college of Detroit, Detroit Teachers college, Wayne State university, and the University of Michigan. Dr. Spatheff has received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Central Michigan university and

Wayne State university presented him with the Distinguished Alumnus award.

The dedication services, marking the formal addition of the two buildings to the SMC campus, is expected to attract 2,000 spectators. The buildings add more than a third more room to the campus floor space.

The building being dedicated to Zollar, state senator from Benton Harbor, houses the health education wing.

An invitational reception in honor of Zollar will be held at 1 p.m. Invited are local and state governmental officials, educational officials, and college administrative and faculty members. Zollar is being honored for his continuing friendship to



DR. V. F. SPATHEFF

Southwestern Michigan College since its establishment.

The dedication also recognizes the college's museum which was begun with the college in 1966.

Following the services, an open house of all college buildings will be held from 3:30 to 5:30.

The college is located south of Dowagiac off M-62 and can also be reached by Daly road.

Republican Hopeful
Brickley In Berrien

James Brickley of Detroit, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, will hold a press conference at the Twin Cities airport, Ross Field, this afternoon at 5 o'clock, according to F. A. "Mike" Jones, chairman of the Berrien county GOP.

Brickley, 42, is also scheduled to attend street lighting ceremonies of M-139, Benton township, and the Oktoberfest in Bridgman tonight.

He is former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern district of Michigan, a former Detroit city council member, and former chief assistant prosecutor for Wayne county. Brickley is a graduate of the University of Detroit.